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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services - Departmental Proceedings against Sri K. Sreerama Murthy, the then case worker in O/o the Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Srikakulam and now Senior Assistant, O/o Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub-Division, Srikakulam under the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge – Issued

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.314 **Date : 08/04/2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the ENC, RWS&S, Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/14763/2016, Dated:12/07/2023.
2. G.O.Rt.No.310, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept, dt:08.04.2024.

Order :-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri K. Sreerama Murthy, the then case worker in O/o the Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Srikakulam and now Senior Assistant, O/o Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub-Division, Srikakulam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri K. Sreerama Murthy, the then case worker in O/o the Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Srikakulam and now Senior Assistant, O/o Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub- Division, Srikakulam is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this Memorandum a written statement of his defence.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K. Sreerama Murthy, the then case worker in O/o the Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Srikakulam and now Senior Assistant, O/o Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub-Division, Srikakulam is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Attention of Sri K. Sreerama Murthy, the then case worker in O/o the

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Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Srikakulam and now Senior Assistant, O/o Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub-Division, Srikakulam is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these Proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri K. Sreerama Murthy, the then case worker in O/o the Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Srikakulam and now Senior Assistant, O/o Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub-Division, Srikakulam is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

7. The receipt of the proceedings shall be acknowledged along with Annexure-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To
Sri K Sreerama Murthy, the then case worker in O/o the Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Srikakulam and now Senior Assistant, O/o Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub- Division, Srikakulam (w.e) through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same for record)

Copy to
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Est.II) Department.

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ANNEXURE–I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K SREERAMA MURTHY, THE THEN CASE WORKER IN O/O THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM AND NOW SENIOR ASSISTANT, O/O DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (RWS&S), V&QC SUB-DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM

CHARGE: 1

That Sri K. Sreerama Murthy, Senior Assistant O/o the Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub Division Srikakulam, and the then case worker in the O/o the Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Srikakulam had not properly verified or scrutinized the bill before submitting to the District Treasury and caused loss of Rs. 164321+208702=373023/- to the Government.

Hence the charge.

CHARGE: 2

Sri K.Sreerama Murty, Senior Assistant O/o the Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub-Division Srikakulam while working as Senior Assistant in the O/o the Executive Engineer, RWS&S Srikakulam had not properly verified the period for which the claim was preferred. Therefore the bills were signed for the entire period from 16.02.2013 to 30.06.2013 and 01.07.2013 to 14.03.2014. Indeed the Officer in whose respect the bills were claimed was not in duty from 17.02.2013 to 30.06.2013 and 01.07.2013 to 14.03.2014 this period was not covered by leave of any kind. But claim was preferred as if she was in duty.

Hence the Charge.

CHARGE: 3

That Sri K. Sreerama Murty, Senior Assistant O/o the Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub Division Srikakulam, the then caseworker in the O/o. the RWS&S Division, Srikakulam has misused his official position and he is very irregular in attending his official duties and responsibilities. He has shown very reckless attitude in attending his official duties and misused his official position and thereby caused several problems to his superior officers.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE–II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K SREERAMA MURTHY, THE THEN CASE WORKER IN O/O THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM AND NOW SENIOR ASSISTANT, O/O DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER(RWS&S), V&QC SUB-DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM

Sri K.Sreerama Murty, Senior Assistant, O/o the Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS&S V&QC Sub-Division, Srikakulam while working as Senior Assistant in the O/o the Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Srikakulam had not properly verified and examined the claim, but simply passed for payment. At the initial stage he is responsible for proper examination of the claim and submit for returning if any, the officer, duly noting the defects for rectification.

He had not followed the procedure and simply submitted for onward submission to the District Treasury Office. This negligence caused loss of huge amount to the Government exchequer.

As per Rule 3 (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, no Government Employee shall act in a manner which will place his official position under any kind of embarrassment.

Hence, the charge.

Sri K.Sreerama Murty, Senior Assistant O/o the Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S), V&QC Sub-Division, Srikakulam while working as Senior Assistant in the O/o the Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Division Srikakulam had not properly examined the claim and simply passed to the higher authorities for approval. This shows his carelessness in discharging his legitimate duties, which misled his superior authorities to sign the claim and submit to the District Treasury Office. Had he taken proper scrutiny of the bill, and return for rectification of the defects, this contingency or loss would not have arisen. Therefore he behaved irresponsibly. As per the Rule 3(1) to (4) of A.P.C.S(Conduct) Rules 1964 every person should be devoted to duty and maintain discipline and there shouldn't be any action which causes his official position in any kind of embarrassment.

But, the action of the individual clearly indicated his willful negligence towards duties and dereliction towards his official duties.

Hence the charge.

The Engineer-in-Chief (RWS&S) Vijayawada vide Memo No. Vig. (III) /RWS&S/14763 /2016 Dt:30.12.2022 had informed that Sri K. Sreerama Murty, Division Senior Assistant O/o the Deputy Executive Engineer (RWS&S) V&QC Sub Srikakulam while working as Senior Assistant in the O/o the Executive Engineer (RWS&S) Division, Srikakulam has claimed the Pay & Allowances of Sri P. Raman Kumari, the then Assistant Executive Engineer as duty for the absent period of the individual from 16.02.2013 to 30.06.2013 and 1.7.2013 to 14.03.2014.

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Being the initial case worker, the individual has to check thoroughly while submitting the files / bills to the higher authorities for approval. But, the intention of the individual seems willful negligence and careless attitude in discharging his legitimate duties. It was also clear that he has mislead the higher officers in approving the bills duly suppressing the facts willfully. Hence he violated the APCS conduct Rules 1964. Hence the charge.

As per Rule 3 (1) to (4) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964 every person should be devoted to duty and maintain discipline and there shouldn't be any action which causes his official position in any kind of embarrassment.

But, the action of the individual clearly indicates his willful negligence towards duties and dereliction towards his official duties.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE–III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K SREERAMA MURTHY, THE THEN CASE WORKER IN O/O THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM AND NOW SENIOR ASSISTANT, O/O DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (RWS&S), V&QC SUB-DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM ARE PROPOSED TO SUSTAINED

From the ENC, RWS&S, Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/14763/2016, Dated:12/07/2023.

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ANNEXURE–VI

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K SREERAMA MURTHY, THE THEN CASE WORKER IN O/O THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM AND NOW SENIOR ASSISTANTT, O/O DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER(RWS&S), V&QC SUB-DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM ARE PROPOSED TO SUSTAINED

-NIL-

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